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NEW LEADER IN JAVA EMERGES

Revived Hope Of Sensible Solution

CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNRECOGNIZED INDONESIAN REPUBLIC WHICH MIGHT BRING NEW HOPES FOR PEACE IN STRIFE-TORN JAVA WERE FORECAST TODAY AS BRITISH FORCES CONTINUED TO BLAST AT INDONESIAN NATIONALISTS AT SOERABAYA.

SUN SIAHRI, 36-YEAR-OLD SOCIALIST LEADER, APPEARED SLATED TO EMERGE AS PRIME MINISTER UNDER A SYSTEM LEAVING DR. SOEKARNO AS PRESIDENT, BUT IN A SUBSIDIARY ROLE.

Wallace Gives Warning

NEW YORK, NOV. 13. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HENRY WALLACE, THE FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT, EXPRESSED THE BELIEF TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST MAKE SUBSTANTIAL JAPANESE TO ENGLAND, RUSSIA AND OTHER ALLIES IF WORLD TRADE BARRIERS ARE TO BE LOWERED AND RUSSIAN ANGO-RUSSIAN AMERICAN TRADE WAR Averted.

Wallace, addressing the national foreign trade convention, said aggressive American trade ship for expanding world trade on a multilateral basis would forestall a trade war.

He estimated the war cost a trillion dollars and warned that another world conflict would cost many trillions.

Secretary Wallace said that without the aid of American dollars Britain would be forced to strengthen the sterling bloc.

He declared American aid to the devastated countries of Europe and Asia is a business proposition without which they cannot rebuild their damaged economies and become large markets for United States goods or participate in world trade expansion with the United States on a multilateral basis. Associated Press.

Back In The Old Home Town

London, Nov. 13. The more you go to the cinema the more money the cinema will pay you back. That is how they work it at Long Bucky, Northants.

Cinema-goers there—village population is 2,100—paid over £1,500 in the past six months at the box office of their one cinema—over a grocery store.

Now they are to get £127 back. The cinema is owned by the local Co-operative Society, which recently decided to pay a dividend of 1s. 6d. in the £.

Paying out is a simple matter. Film-goers save the torn halves of their tickets in Long Bucky. All they have to do is hand them over to the cinema again on dividend day and they get 1s. 6d. on every £—excluding tax—they paid in.

BREAKDOWN

The bar placed by large syndicates on small cinemas does not allow Long Bucky the latest pictures, said the Co-operative manager, F. S. Johnson.

The bar operates for some time after the films have gone through the large circuit cinemas, and the Government restriction on film copying makes things even more difficult.

When villagers have climbed the stone steps to the cinema they expect to see a picture which has been on the go for two or three years.

It is something of an event if a show goes through without at least one breakdown. But when "divi" day comes along, they'll look at their one-and-eight-pennies and say, "It is worth it."

VISION OF FUTURE LOND'N

London, Nov. 13. A great underground railway terminus for London was envisaged by Herbert Morrison Lord, President of the Council when he opened at Charing Cross Underground Station an exhibition of a plan for a South Embankment.

"I would like to see all the main line railways go under ground two miles from the centre of the city linking up with each other and sub-railways underground," he said. Reuter.

LION MASCOT BLOTS COPYBOOK

Paris, Nov. 12. A full grown lion mascot of the North African colored troops landed a child just before the Armistice Day ceremony at a port on the Mediterranean coast. The lion leapt from the jeep in which it was preceding the parade. The child, whose face was badly injured, was saved from death by a soldier's intervention.

The lion, which accompanied the troops from the Chad territory to Germany, was in the vanguard march-part a few minutes later. Reuter.

Pacific War Hero Killed

BEACON, N.Y., NOV. 13. A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL SAID THE BODY OF COMMODORE DIXIE KIEFER, A PACIFIC WAR HERO, HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF SIX MEN KILLED IN THE CRASH OF A NAVY PLANE ON MOUNT BEACON NEAR HERE.

Commodore Kiefer was widely known as Captain Dixie of the documentary war film, "Fighting Lady."

When searchers found the wreckage, one of Kiefer's arms still was in the seat which was applied after his arm was broken in a suicide plane's attack on the carrier Bataan off Formosa. He was wounded by 65 pieces of shrapnel.

He had served in six major navy engagements, including Midway and the Coral Sea. Associated Press.

Soerabaya Almost Fully Occupied

NEW YORK, NOV. 13. IN A DESPATCH DIRECTLY FROM SOERABAYA ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT VERN HAUGLAND REPORTED THAT SHELLING BY BRITISH DESTROYERS SILENCED GUNS WHICH EARLIER HAD SHELLED THE BRITISH-CONTROLLED AIRPORT. HE SAID THE HEADQUARTERS HIT BY THE BRITISH PLANES WAS IN THE HOTEL PARANGAN.

THE BRITISH ESTIMATED THEY ARE OPPOSED BY 20,000 TRAINED INDONESIAN SOLDIERS AND 100,000 ARMED NATIVES. HAUGLAND REPORTED BRITISH CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED LIGHT. RETREATING INDONESIANS SET A FIRE HALF A DOZEN HOUSES AND SUPPLY DUMPS IN SOERABAYA.

Fire also broke out aboard a Japanese merchant ship which the Nationalists abandoned. The British said the Indonesians are showing no disposition to surrender.

British Indian forces have gained control of virtually all of Soerabaya, according to Aneta news agency, as British tank crews turned back fanatical charges of the Indonesian Nationalists.

The Dutch news agency said many Indonesians were killed in futile charges against the tanks.

CURFEW ORDER

There still was no in cation of the Indonesians abandoning the fight. British headquarters ordered a Soerabaya curfew from 10 p.m. to 4.30 a.m.

The British reported fighting broke out yesterday in Tandjounprik, part of Batavia, when the Indonesians attempted to raid warehouses.

Intense fighting at Soerabaya is exacting a heavy toll of lives, both among the Indonesian Nationalists and civilians. Apot reported some women and children were killed when caught in the cross-fire.

The army added that houses and shops were being looted. The British command said the type of Indonesian attacks and the use of weapons "indicate strongly that Japanese are guiding and helping the Extremist Indonesians, although proof is not yet established." Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 13. All major markets were closed Monday in observance of Armistice Day. Associated Press.

Dangerous Break-Up Of U.S. Power

BOSTON, NOV. 13. GENERAL EISENHOWER WARNED TODAY THAT IF AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE RETURNED TOO RAPIDLY FROM EUROPE "AN ENDURING PEACE MAY DISAPPEAR AND THE WAR MAY HAVE BEEN FOUGHT IN VAIN."

He told a dinner audience that "the day of critical decision is rushing upon us. If the disintegration of our forces goes too far, it will provide evidence to the German people that we are not equal to our task. Keeping the peace requires the maintenance of adequate forces in Europe."

He said American soldiers should be returned to their homes, but added "America's obligation to the world and ourselves should be fulfilled."

The dinner climaxed a celebration which drew several hundred thousand persons to see him. Associated Press.

JAPANESE LEADERS IN JAVA ARRESTED

Batavia, Nov. 13. British headquarters announced today that three Japanese generals under arrest in Java will be removed to Singapore tomorrow for trial as war criminals.

The three are Lt. General Nacano, commander of the Japanese 10th army; his chief of staff, Maj. General Yamashita, and Maj. General Nikimura, commander of Japanese forces in central Java.

They had supplied Indonesians with arms and munitions. Associated Press.

UNITED CONTROL OF ATOMIC BOMB

WASHINGTON, NOV. 13. BRITISH OFFICIALS INDICATED TODAY THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN, PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE, OF BRITAIN, AND PRIME MINISTER MACKENZIE KING, OF CANADA, WERE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS TOWARDS A JOINT ATOMIC POLICY. THIS WAS STATED TO BE TRUE DESPITE THE DISCLOSURE BY THESE AUTHORITIES OF WHAT MAY PROVE TO BE A BASIC DIFFERENCE IN OBJECTIVES BETWEEN PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND MR. ATTLEE.

President Truman talked recently of outlawing the atomic bomb.

Mr. Attlee is said by his associates to have taken the line that it cannot be outlawed effectively and that the way to handle it is to put it under the control of the United Nations Security Council.

JOINT STATEMENT

The Presidential secretary, William Hassett, told reporters today that President Truman will have nothing to say on the progress of the discussions, but that a joint statement will be issued by the three leaders.

There are no indications when the conference will end, or when Mr. Attlee will leave for Canada enroute for home.

Hassett said the trio will be "in continuous conversations, more or less."

President Truman is not seeing visitors so that he can devote his entire time to the discussions. Associated Press.

MOSCOW SILENT

Moscow, Nov. 13. The Soviet press has made no comment on the Truman-Attlee-King atomic policy conference in Washington. Associated Press.

Japan Regarded As Shattered

Tokyo, Nov. 13. General MacArthur's headquarters, after a survey of the situation, reported today that the occupation diplomacy and direct action have shattered the nation's war-minded spiritual and economic control systems.

The headquarters statement said new directives shortly "will remove many shackles which now hold farmers and their families in a condition approximating slavery."

Well-informed Japanese sources said reshuffling of Premier Shidehara's cabinet is planned before elections, probably by the end of the month. They forecast a possible switch in the war and navy ministries to the contemplated new demobilization ministry.

A Communist party platform drafted at a mass meeting urged the seizure and redistribution of farm lands among the farmers and worker control of major industries. Yoshio Shiga, Communist leader, labeled Emperor Hirohito as a war criminal who should be exiled to China under Allied guard. Associated Press.

Shiga said the Emperor led the Japanese Communist party "war criminals" list and said the party would launch an investigation of suspects on December 8, the anniversary (Tokyo date) of the Pearl Harbor attack. Shiga said the list would contain all Government leaders since the Manchurian incident in 1931. Associated Press.

NEW WORKS BY STRAUSS

Zurich, Nov. 12. Eighty-year old Richard Strauss, most famous living German composer, who has been staying for some time at Baden near Zurich, today announced that he has completed some compositions which will be released in the New Year. Among them is a Concerto for piano and orchestra which will be played publicly for the first time in Zurich next January.

Other works recently finished are Motomorphisms for 23 string instruments, Sonata for 10 horns and finally a new waltz for Regenzaeller. Reuter.

CHIANG'S NEW BID FOR PEACE IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, NOV. 13. CHINESE COMMUNISTS SAID TODAY THEY AND CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW THE PROPOSED POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL TO SETTLE "ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES" OF CHINA'S UNDECLARED CIVIL WAR AND THAT THE COUNCIL WILL BE CALLED INTO BEING ABOUT NOVEMBER 20.

THE FINAL ISSUE OF PEACE OR ALL-OUT WAR, HOWEVER, RESTS WITH THE GENERALISSIMO, THE COMMUNIST SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING: "IF CHIANG CANCELS HIS ORDERS FOR 'BANDIT SUPPRESSION' THERE CAN BE PEACE."

The decision to entrust the disputed issue to the new council was reached in peace talks yesterday arranged by the increasingly influential liberal Chinese Democratic League, while war clouds thickened as a result of two other developments:

(1) the Government's call for the National Assembly to meet next May 5, with no word whether the Communists will be given representation which they demanded, and

(2) a Nationalist general's forecast of a major Government army drive into Manchuria "very soon," despite crack Communist troops massed to block it.

TOP OF AGENDA

The three-party peace talks placed the question of calling an immediate end to hostilities at the top of the political council's agenda, the Communist spokesman said.

He disclosed wires had been sent urgently summoning Tung Pou to Chungking. He was the Communist member of the Chinese delegation to the San Francisco conference and is now in New York.

The spokesman said Tung Pou will be one of the Communists' seven delegates on the council.

A Chinese Communist spokesman charged today that Nationalist troops had launched an assault on the fortress city of Shanhaiwan at the southern threshold of Manchuria.

STREAMING IN

He said Nationalist reinforcements were streaming toward the front in an attempt to deal a serious blow to the crack Communist troops entrenched there.

The city at the coastal end of the great wall, he said, is still in Communist hands.

The spokesman said the issue of peace or all-out war rests with Chiang Kai-shek despite an agreement to call another peace conference around November 20.

NEW OFFER

Information Minister K. C. Wu said the Government is willing for the conference to discuss administration of liberated areas and nationalization and reorganization of the Chinese armies—two subjects which hitherto have been barred.

Without commenting on the Communist reports on the Shanhaiwan situation, he said the Government must send troops to that city as a springboard for Government reconquest of Manchuria. Associated Press.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

Chungking, Nov. 13. Talks to end the civil war in North China will have first place on the agenda of the Inter-party Political Consultative Council, which is expected to meet next week.

The Consultative Council comprises representatives of China's three major political parties—the Kuomintang (Government Party), Communists and Democratic League.

The Government has sprung a surprise on the Communist Party and the Democratic League with the announcement that National Congress will be convened on May 5. The Communists had proposed October 10 and the Democratic League July 7. Reuter.

PARIS JEWEL PLOT TRIAL

Shanghai Claim For Fabulous Stone

COLOMBO, NOV. 13. MR. A. S. ISMAIL, OF THE ACCOUNTS BRANCH OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES INSTITUTE IN COLOMBO, HAS CLAIMED THE FAMOUS JEWEL "PEARL OF ASIA"—ONE OF THE GIGEST IN THE WORLD—ON BEHALF OF A CEYLON JEWELLER, MOHIDEEN, NOW LIVING IN SHANGHAI.

THE GEM FIGURED LAST WEEK IN THE PRELIMINARY TRIAL IN PARIS OF YVON COLETTE, ALLEGED MASTER-MIND BEHIND A COUP TO STEAL IT FROM A PARIS BANK IN APRIL, 1944, AFTER HERMAN GOERING, CHIEF OF THE LUFTWAFFE, HAD OFFERED \$125,000 FOR IT.

The hearing was postponed until December 6.

Ismail claimed that Mohideen obtained the fabulous jewel "for a song" from some stray dealer at \$358,000.

In 1932, Ismail said, he learned that Mohideen, who had gone to Shanghai, had pledged the jewel for a few thousand dollars with a French priest, who had not been heard of since but was believed to have gone to Paris. Early in the present century,

Yamamoto's Prophecy

Tokyo, Nov. 13. Kyodo news agency today quoted an unidentified Japanese naval expert as declaring that the late famed Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto predicted in January, 1943, Japan's eventual defeat because of the failure of military leaders and Premier Tojo to agree to a landing of attack forces on Hawaii at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. Associated Press.

Butcher Of Warsaw Found In Japan

TOKYO, NOV. 13. COLONEL JOSEF ALBERT MEISINGER, "BUTCHER OF WARSAW," WHO IS ACCUSED OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF 100,000 JEWS IN THE POLISH CAPITAL, LEFT FOR GERMANY TODAY TO STAND TRIAL AS A WAR CRIMINAL.

Accompanied by two United States counter-intelligence officers, Meisinger is travelling by plane by way of the United States to an interrogation centre near Frankfurt.

He had been detained since September 12 in a prisoner stockade near Yokohama and had denied all the charges against him.

He went to Japan in 1941, Reuter adds, and surrendered to the Americans after it was discovered that he was living in a hotel with 100 other German refugees. Reuter.

American Policy In China

WASHINGTON, NOV. 13. SECRETARY OF WAR PATTERSON DECLARED TODAY THAT AMERICAN TROOPS WILL NOT BE USED FOR SUPPRESSION OF CIVIL STRIFE IN CHINA, BUT WILL PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY.

The Secretary said: "There is no intention of our troops becoming involved in civil strife in China unless they are attacked, in which event we may expect American troops to react with vigor and success."

AID TO CHUNGKING

Secretary Patterson said there were over a million armed Japanese in China and declared the military problem there, so far as the United States is concerned, is completion of the surrender, disarmament and evacuation of the Japanese forces.

He said Britain, Russia and the United States had formally recognized Chiang Kai-shek's Government and were co-operating with the Chinese Government forces in the disarmament and evacuation of Japanese troops. He said the points American troops liberate will be turned over to representatives of the Central Government. Associated Press.

Writ Of Habeas Corpus

MANILA, NOV. 13. A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS WAS FILED IN THE PHILIPPINE SUPREME COURT TODAY IN BEHALF OF GENERAL YAMASHITA.

It declares that the one-time "tiger of Malaya," who commanded the Philippines defenses, is not charged with any war crime for which he personally is to blame and alleges that "U.S. military commission is not a properly constituted authority to hear the war crime case against him."

Yamashita is on trial on the thesis that a supreme commander is responsible for the misconduct of his troops. Some witnesses have testified that atrocities and murders were committed against Filipinos were in pursuance of Yamashita's instructions. Associated Press.

Ike Arrives

Boston, Nov. 13. General Eisenhower arrived by plane from Europe late yesterday enroute to Washington to testify on the proposed unification of the American armed forces. Some "authoritative" sources in Washington predicted his trip is a possible prelude to assignment as army chief of staff. Associated Press.

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American Prosecutor
Wants a Live Krupp

NUERNBERG, Nov. 13. A SIX-MAN MEDICAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCED TODAY THE CONDITION OF GUSTAV KRUPP, NOTED GERMAN MUNITIONS MAKER, IS SO CRITICAL HE PROBABLY WOULD DIE IF MOVED TO NUERNBERG FROM SAIGZBURG TO STAND TRIAL AS A WAR CRIMINAL WITH 21 OTHER DEFENDANTS ON NOVEMBER 20.

THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL IS ACTING WEDNESDAY ON THE DEFENCE MOTION TO POSTPONE THE TRIAL OF KRUPP, WHO RECENTLY SUFFERED A PARALYTIC STROKE.

Justice Robert Jackson, the United States prosecutor, asked the international military tribunal to substitute Alfred Krupp, son of the ailing Gustav, as a defendant.

If the motion is granted a

postponement of 10 days to two weeks in the start of the big trial is almost certain.

The British prosecutor, Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, filed a dissenting motion, asserting that Krupp preferred to try the elder Krupp in absentia if necessary, because his name is a household word in the minds of the British public, which he said was impatient and would resent any postponement.

Justice's motion said: "Public interests which transcend all private considerations require that some other representative of the Krupp armament and munitions interests be substituted" in the trial.

Jackson declared: "The Krupps have been responsible for aggressive warfare for 130 years. I prefer to have a live Krupp on the stand."

Alfred is the sole owner of the factories which were devoted to munitions making. Jackson said he previously sought an indictment against him but was outvoted by Britain and France. Associated Press.

New Fight
Over U.N.R.R.A.

Washington, Nov. 13. A new fight over U.N.R.R.A. started in the House today while an unfinished one still was hanging in the Senate. The new battle is over proposals to give the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration another \$1,350,000,000 for the year ending March 1, 1947.

The unfinished controversy in the Senate is over the House approved bill giving U.N.R.R.A. \$550,000,000 for relief work this winter and next spring. The Senate dispute is not over the amount, but is centered chiefly on the restrictive amendments. The foremost of them is one forbidding aid to any nation refusing to permit reporters free access to news of U.N.R.R.A. activities.

The new fight is over both the amount and similar amendments regulating how the money should be handled. Republicans say they are going to follow one of their committee's reports which urged that they look with "jaundiced eyes" upon requests for funds exceeding \$500,000,000 and that only amounts absolutely necessary be provided. Associated Press.

Gen. Patton's
Status

Frankfurt, Nov. 13. An aide of General George S. Patton, Jr. said today comment was unlikely from the General on the criticism of Senator Brewster of Maine who protested against Gen. Patton becoming the commanding American officer in Germany in General Eisenhower's absence.

Brewster criticized General Patton's elevation because of the "difficulties which developed, as we understand it, during his administration" in Bavaria. Patton took command under Army procedure, because he is the senior ranking general in Germany in General Eisenhower's absence. Associated Press.

SIR THOMAS BLAMEY
RESIGNING

Melbourne, Nov. 13. The resignation of General Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian land forces, and his replacement by the Army Board is expected next week.

The only announcement today after the question has been considered by the Cabinet, was made by Mr. Joseph Chifley, Prime Minister, that a statement was to be expected within the week. The "Melbourne Herald" said that Government had not yet decided the strength of the peace time forces. Reuter.

Washington, Nov. 13. Republican Representative James Mott of Oregon died in the naval hospital yesterday on his 62nd birthday. He underwent an intestinal operation Thursday. Associated Press.

DR. SUN'S
BIRTHDAY

Chungking, Nov. 13. China commemorated the birthday of Dr. Sun Yat Sen yesterday with National Government representatives making their first post-war pilgrimage to the national shrine in Nanjing's Purple Hill, where the remains of the Republic's founder are buried.

Dr. Sun Fo, Cabinet Minister and son of Dr. Sun Yat Sen led the contingent.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek presided at a Chungking anniversary service attended by more than 400 Government officials. Associated Press.

As the republic commemorated the 80th anniversary of its founder, it faced its most severe internal discord. It was Chinese national troops refused the right to land on their own soil at Dairen and Port Arthur.

It saw the flames of civil strife spreading dangerously. It saw dreary prospects of reviving the nation's foreign trade, a growing danger of re-infection of a cold, hard winter for many of the country's millions, communications almost paralyzed as thousands of families try to get back to their homes.

The nation heard that the Communists had agreed to send representatives to a political consultative council which might be able to aid in smoothing over the internal strife, but the nationalists were skeptical. Associated Press.

Fleet Street And
Cable Services

"WORLD'S PRESS NEWS," THE LEADING WEEKLY FOR NEWSPAPERMEN, SAYS THAT THE GOVERNMENT DECISION TO NATIONALISE CABLE & WIRELESS HAS BEEN ACTIVELY CANVASSED IN FLEET STREET AND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH CRITICISM.

AFTER QUOTING A DIRECTOR'S VIEW THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE DANGEROUS TO FOREIGN CONCESSIONS, THE PAPER CONTINUES:

At various points, the British cable service makes use of foreign land bases, notably in Egypt, in Portugal, and on four Portuguese islands.

The facilities enjoyed there are covered by agreement with the Governments concerned. Such an agreement can be effectively operated simply because the British company is a company and not a Government, thus avoiding any question of State rights and placing it merely on the plane of a commercial transaction.

If the British Government, as such, becomes a cable carrier a different situation is created. This position, it is believed, might develop dangerously in wartime, even imperilling the sanctity of the cable service and putting it in the power of neutral or foreign powers to tap commercial and service messages.

Radio does not give a complete answer because it can't always get through and can be tapped. This point, affecting national interests, will undoubtedly be thoroughly discussed in the Commons.

Good service was given on the service side, which is the chief concern of the Press. The plain fact is that, broadly speaking, Cable and Wireless, as an operating company, give an efficient and satisfactory service. It has consistently popularised the use of cables by cheapening rates.

In spite of these concessions, the company has operated as a good profit-earning unit. From its revenues, the company operates a bonus scheme so that the staff has been directly interested in giving efficient service.

Comparison between Cable and Wireless service and that of any Government controlled and operated telegraph service throughout the Empire, most pressmen will concede would be to the advantage of Cable and Wireless. This is not to say that Cable and Wireless have always been above criticism. Earlier in the war, "World's Press News" on behalf of

overseas newspapers, had occasion to criticise severely some aspects of Cable and Wireless service. The point, however, is that as soon as those criticisms were made, they were investigated and prompt steps taken to rectify them, with the result that over the last two years, a wholly admirable service has been given.

GOVERNMENT
INDIFFERENCE

General experience of most Government departments is that they are unresponsive to criticism.

In a supporting leader, "W.P.N." says: "All that we, on behalf of the Press, are concerned with is the greatest possible efficiency in a cable service on which London's position as a world news centre depends. The British Empire cable chain is being increasingly challenged in these days by America. Her cables are privately owned and are keyed up to the highest speed in service. Much transatlantic traffic is carried by them. They want more and more all over the world."

ACID TEST

The acid test we impose on the proposed deal, therefore, is will it improve the British Empire's capacity to serve high-speed cable needs in press and commercial traffic. On the general form shown by Government in commerce we doubt it.

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More, the company has shown itself responsive to criticism and rectification of its than any Government department we know. Accordingly, we view the prospect with disquiet and we imagine the Americans must be rather chortling as a prelude to the forthcoming Bermuda Conference.

SOVIET CRITIC

Pocatello, Idaho, Nov. 13. H. Dudley Sevin, Commander of the American Legion in this western state, described the Communist Government of Russia as the parent of Fascism and said "Red Fascism" is still bent upon enslavement.

Swim, who served during the war as naval officer, in a speech before a friendly group of the Russian people, but urged a big stick policy with the Soviet Government. Associated Press.

AMERICAN LABOUR
POLITICS

Washington, Nov. 13. A report that John L. Lewis has taken the United Mineworkers back into the American Federation of Labour, circulated today among C.I.O. leaders, but was denied by Lewis' associates and by A.F.L. President William Green. Lewis and Green stood together in opposing the resolution of Philip Murray, C.I.O. President, to inject the question of wages into the industrial relations talks. Associated Press.

King Farouk, opening the Egyptian Parliament yesterday, announced the introduction of several reforms. He included the granting of 200,000,000 in economic development, including electrification of the Assuan Dam, on the Nile. Associated Press.

SWEDEN KNEW ALL
THE ANSWERS

Stockholm, Nov. 13. The newspaper "Aftonbladet" quoted an unnamed British lieutenant yesterday as saying Swedish Engineer Nils Larsson, who is on trial for allegedly military secrets to both Germany and the Allies, held the key to construction of a whole series of Nazi vengeance weapons, including V-10, which the Germans expected to hurl across the Atlantic in 35 minutes, to spread destruction in the United States. Associated Press.

Finishing Off
Job In Saigon

Saigon, Nov. 13. The rate of the Japanese disarmament in Indo-China is to be speeded up 100 per cent. As soon as the disarmament is completed and the Japanese are all in the concentration camps, the British troops will sit tight and, apart from measures necessary to maintain order, will take no further part in military operations in Indo-China.

Although a large part of the Japanese Second Division in Saigon is already in concentration camps, many are still armed as security forces. The Japanese, it is stated, have not been used as occupation troops, or put on anti-personnel operations.

Japanese drivers and transport personnel will no longer be used after this week, and the concentration of those still on police duties, including 2,000 men in Cambodia, will begin on a large scale. Reuter.

BASIC ENGLISH FOR
INDIAN ARMY

New Delhi, Nov. 13. More English is to be taught in the Indian Army. As part of the Directorate of Army Education's release period education drive a soldier, provided he is already literate in his own language, may elect to be taught English in two daily study periods. The scheme is designed primarily to benefit men awaiting release, but it is hoped that it will also stimulate the spread of English in India's post-war army.

The method of teaching, based on the system of English known as Basic, is the product of extensive research in rapid language-teaching. Briefly, it consists of a series of repetition and practice drills, in which the choice of words to be taught and the order in which they are to be taught are carefully laid down.

BIG ORDER FOR BUSES

London, Nov. 12. Crossley Motors, Ltd. of Manchester have received from the Netherlands Railways an order for 500 Diesel-engined omnibus chassis. The value of the contract is about £900,000 sterling, and the order is the largest for this type of chassis ever placed with a British firm at one time, reports the "Manchester Guardian". The chassis provided for a single deck and is of the Crossley export design which includes left-hand steering and provision for an eight feet wide body against right-hand steering, and a seven feet six inches wide body as made for the United Kingdom.

The order is one of many export orders received by this firm this year, South Africa and New Zealand being prominent among the markets to be supplied.

BERLIN'S NEW
EVENING

Berlin, Nov. 12. The German News Service in the British occupation zone states that the first evening newspaper to be published in Berlin since the war ended, the "Kurier" appeared today. The paper is licensed by the French Military Government.

The French Commander in Berlin, General de Beaulieu, said, "I only want from you that you are Germans and will that you are duty with the same loyalty with which I am doing my duty as a Frenchman." Reuter.

GREEKS DON'T SEE
EYE TO EYE

Athens, Nov. 13. Panayotis Kanellopoulos, Greek Prime Minister, described the Albanian Government of General Enver Hoxha as "fascist and fascist" and said that Greece would never admit that the election could be held in Northern Epirus by those who "for the last ten years have murdered, killed and oppressed the Greek population, and still continue to do so." He confirmed that Greece had sent a note of protest to the Allies in connection with the recognition by the Governments of Britain, the United States and Russia of the Albanian Government. Reuter.

Mexico City, Nov. 13. 35,000 athletes will march in a parade on November 18 behind the 20th Mexican Air Force squadron on the nation's first three-day commemoration of her November 20 revolution. Associated Press.

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Indonesian Leader Seeks Russian Support

PALESTINE FORMULA

Jerusalem, Nov. 13. Deputations of both Arabs and Jews have been summoned to attend Government House here this afternoon when it is expected that they will be acquainted with the British Government's new formula for Palestine, which is thought to have been devised in full co-operation and approval with the United States Government.—Reuter.

Tito Assured Of Victory

Belgrade, Nov. 13. Candidates representing Marshal Tito's national front were assured victory in incomplete returns from Sunday's national constituent assembly election. The returns showed more than 90 per cent of Yugoslavia's 8,000,000 voters had balloted.

Opposition parties had boycotted the election by not putting up candidates, but practically all voters ignored the boycott and voted.

The outcome was certain with only Tito's men on the ballot. There was no sign of any disorders.

Women were eligible to vote for the first time.

The voting was for an assembly of two houses which will have the task of drafting a constitution.

Associated Press.

MARONED FRENCH LOOKED AFTER

Saigon, Nov. 13. British landing craft yesterday brought a further supply of 130 tons of food to 400 French civilians enough for the remainder of the year who are isolated at Nhatrang, north-east of Saigon.

The position at Daiat, where Japanese troops are maintaining a "protective guard," is stated to be calm.—Reuter.

Propaganda That Leaves One Dizzy

CAIRO, NOV. 13. ALTHOUGH LESS THAN A YEAR OLD, THE ARAB LEAGUE, WHOSE COUNCIL IS NOW IN SESSION HERE, HAS BEEN GAINING STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE STIMULATED BY ITS FIGHT AGAINST ZIONISM IN PALESTINE AND FED BY A SERIES OF DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSES.

THE LEAGUE IS ALREADY CHALLENGING THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PREDOMINANCE LONG ENJOYED BY EUROPEAN POWERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IF IT CONTINUES TO PROSPER IT WILL INEVITABLY SEEK TO TAKE THE FATE OF THE ARAB WORLD INTO ITS OWN HANDS.

Wakey Wakey Made Him So Cross

Farmer George Cross and his family, of Stone Barn Farm, Tilgate, Crawley, Sussex, were awakened each morning at six o'clock by loud-speakers from a nearby Army unit playing "Wakey, Wakey, Rise and Shine," "Roll Out the Barrel" and "Put That Pistol Down."

Farmer Cross did not like it. Neither did his family.

So one morning last month at 6 o'clock he went down to the officers' mess and threw a brick through the window of the door.

This was stated at East Grinstead when Cross was accused of causing wilful damage. He pleaded guilty.

LARGE HOLE IN WINDOW

Major A. W. Robinson, of the R.A.C., stationed at Tilgate House, said at reveille at six o'clock on September 21 he was in bed when he heard loud noises, banging and shouting at the billet.

He came down and saw Cross with a large stick.

There was a large hole in the window of the door, on the other side of which was a brick. The major telephoned for the police.

Raymond Johnson, for Cross, told the Court that since a new unit had moved into Tilgate House, near Cross's cottage, he and his family had been awakened each morning by loud-speakers playing popular tunes of the day.

"NUISANCE ABATED"

To put an end to this nuisance he got in touch with the War Office. They received him courteously and told him that the noise would be abated.

It was—for a morning or two. Then it started again.

So Cross went to remonstrate at the officers' mess and, unable to make himself heard through the din, threw a brick through the window of the door. The nuisance had also abated.

Cross wished now to apologise. The Bench dismissed the case.

BATAVIA, NOV. 13. FOREIGN MINISTER SOEBARDJO OF THE SELF-PROCLAIMED INDONESIAN REPUBLIC PLEADED TODAY FOR RUSSIAN INTERVENTION IN BEHALF OF HIS UNRECOGNISED INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT WHILE HEAVILY SUPPORTED BRITISH INDIAN INFANTRY RENEWED THE HOUSE-TO-HOUSE ASSAULT WHICH DROVE INDONESIAN NATIONALISTS FROM HALF OF SOERABAYA OVER THE WEEKEND.

"IT IS APPARENT NOW THAT BRITAIN IS PAVING THE WAY FOR IMPOSITION OF DUTCH RULE IN INDONESIA," SOEBARDJO SAID IN AN APPEAL ADDRESSED TO SOVIET FOREIGN COMMISSAR MOLOTOV.

He asked that Russia aid in winning "justice from words" for Indonesians and promised the Indonesians would assist Allied forces in disarming and evacuating Japanese troops.

"By the very principle of independence, we do not like foreign troops on Indonesian soil," Soebardjo told the Soviet leader.

He added, however, that "the presence of British troops is tolerable for a certain time."

Meanwhile the battle for Soerabaya raged with unabated fury after the weekend in which the British renewed their air attacks upon the Indonesian forces and claimed they blasted the main Indonesian military headquarters and three other staff headquarters.

Both Indonesian and British sources indicated Indonesian casualties were heavy.

JAP. TANKS

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Perfect Switch

London, Nov. 13. Welwyn Garden City, which has 111 factories and a 10,000 working population, will probably go down in history as the town that made a perfect switchover from war to peacetime production.

Every one of the town's factories is now back on peacetime production.—Reuter.

GIVE AND TAKE WITH RUSSIA

LONDON, NOV. 13. MR. PHILIP NOEL-BAKER, MINISTER OF STATE, REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, SAID THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS SHOULD NOT BE EXAGGERATED.

Mr. Noel-Baker had been asked by Mr. Daniel Lipson, Independent Member, what steps he was taking to remove these differences.

The Minister replied: "The Government will use the various normal means of discussion between Governments, in order to reach an agreed solution by the process of 'give and take' on both sides, in the spirit of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Alliance and Collaboration."

Mr. Samuel Silverman, Labour, asked: "What is the use of asking other people to put their cards upon the table for us if we keep them up our sleeves?"

To this question, Mr. Noel-Baker did not reply.—Reuter.

POWDER PLANT BLOWN UP

Frankfurt, Nov. 12. The first major German war factory to be destroyed under the United States programme for demilitarising Germany, the "Kaufbeuren Smokeless Powder Plant" — was blown up to-day by 14 huge explosions.

Each explosion wrecked a group of buildings, 80 of which comprised the whole plant. One-third of the plant specifically used for powder manufacture was destroyed. The rest will be used for housing the homeless.—Reuter.

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China Treads Warily On Manchurian Issue

CHUNGKING, NOV. 13. THE LATEST ARRIVAL TO ATTEND PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL LEADERS IS GEN. HSUNG SHIH-HUI, DIRECTOR OF THE GENERALISSIMO'S BRANCH HEADQUARTERS AT CHANGCHUN, THE MANCHURIAN CAPITAL.

GENERAL HSUNG IS EXPECTED TO GIVE THE CONFERENCE A FULL AND FRANK ACCOUNT OF CONDITIONS IN MANCHURIA WITH WHICH THE CHINESE ARE OBVIOUSLY DISAPPOINTED AND DIS-SATISFIED.

Although the Russians are supposed to be withdrawing, no one in Chungking is disposed to discuss the extent of their withdrawal.

The official Central News Agency significantly described as in implementation of the Sino-Soviet pact, the organisation of the Board of Directors and of Supervisors of the Chinese-Changchun railway. (Under the Sino-Soviet treaty the Chinese-Eastern railway and South Manchuria Railway were merged under this single name).

In accordance with the treaty, the Board of Directors is composed of five Chinese and five Russians, with one of the Chinese as Chairman. The Board of Supervisors will have three Chinese and three Russians, with one of the Russians as Chairman.

are causing so much heart-burning in Chungking.

A dispatch from the correspondent of the "Ta Kung Pao" ignores some of the more serious aspects of the situation, but it tells, among other things, of a Japanese entertainment house in Changchun with over 100 Japanese girls.

JAPANESE "LOYALISTS"

"Here the Japanese hostesses all wear wooden clogs and dance gaily with Soviet officers," the dispatch said.

Some homes fly both Russian and Chinese flags and a certain Japanese club has posters inscribed: "Greetings to Liberation! Long live the Chinese people!"

One Japanese youngster, the dispatch adds, has even learned to say: "Japan no good! China very good!"

DR. KOO'S REPORT

The "World Daily News" in Chungking said to-day that the Government had received a report on Russian activities in Manchuria from Dr. Wellington Koo, former Ambassador to London, on observations by American and British sources, and the Chinese Government is studying the report closely with a view to adopting "the right attitude toward a new situation."

The Chinese army newspaper "Ho Ping Pao" reported that negotiations are in progress at Changchun on the Chinese taking over communications in Manchuria from the Russians.—Associated Press.

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TRAIN DEPAILED

Chungking, Nov. 13. More than 30 were killed or injured on Saturday when a train was derailed near the Kailash coal mines northeast of Tientsin.

A Chinese dispatch said the accident was due to track destruction by the Communists.—Associated Press.

Yamashita Trial Near End

MANILA, NOV. 13. THE PROSECUTION IN THE WAR CRIMES TRIAL OF GENERAL YAMASHITA ESTIMATES ITS CASE WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN ANOTHER WEEK.

An American investigator testified yesterday he found "strong evidence" of Japanese cannibalism when he saw a Filipino boy with flesh neatly sliced from the left thigh.

A Chinese boy told the military commission the Japanese attempted to wipe out all Chinese in Los Banos after the American paratroopers' spectacular liberation of the internecine camp there.

He said the Japanese exterminated his whole family.—Associated Press.

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COMMONS QUESTIONS ON JAVA UPEHAVAL

LONDON, NOV. 13. THE REFUSAL TO AFFORD FACILITIES FOR PANDIT NEHRU TO VISIT INDIA WAS TAKEN WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, "IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT DISTURBED CONDITIONS IN JAVA, WHICH RENDER IT UNDESIRABLE FOR SUCH VISIT TO BE MADE," DECLARED MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR INDIA.

HE WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION BY THE LABOUR MEMBER, MR. REGINALD SORESENSEN, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY.

Mr. Henderson was asked if the public resentment expressed in India against the employment of Indians to load ships bound for Indonesia, whether the recognised leaders of Indian political life had been consulted in the matter and why Mr. Nehru had been refused a pass.

Mr. Henderson replied: "The policy with regard to the employment of British and Indian troops in Indonesia was stated by the Prime Minister on October 17."

"In this statement